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City sees a 60 percent turnout increase in Bike to Work Day participating cyclists.

## Greenbelt Cyclists Join Bike to Work Convoys

by Jeff Lemieux

Friday, May 18 at 7 a.m. about 15 Greenbelt cyclists joined bike convoys from the Greenbelt's Bike to Work Day pitstop to downtown Washington, D.C. Convoy groups were guided by Laurie and Jeff Lemieux of Proteus Bike Shop. Greenbelt City Councilmembers Emmett Jordan and Leta Mach gave the riders a spirited sendoff, with Jordan

joining the convoy for the full ride to D.C.

According to city Recreation Department staffer Di Quynn-Reno, 70 cyclists stopped at the Greenbelt pitstop this year, an increase of 60 percent from 2012. In addition to food and drinks, each rider got a t-shirt and mini-

See **BIKE TO WORK**, page 7

## Council Agrees To a 1.5-cent Tax Hike

At its final worksession on the Fiscal Year 2014 budget council gave informal agreement to a .05-cent reduction of the City Manager's recommended tax rate of 2.0 cents.

Formal action on the budget will be taken at the meeting of council scheduled for Monday, June 3.

## Dist. 2 Board Rep. Speaks On School Board Legislation

by Kathleen Gallagher

On May 14, Prince George's County School Board Representative Peggy Higgins held one of several District 2 community meetings at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt to talk about House Bill 1107, which was adopted last month by the Maryland General Assembly and will become law on June 1 unless petitioned to referendum. Higgins supports a petition drive. The new law would restructure the school board by changing its powers relative to those of the county executive and the next school superintendent. Joining Higgins was Lateefah Durant, academic officer for the Prince

George's County Public Schools, who presented information on academic achievement in the school system. About 20 people attended the meeting.

As school board member for District 2 since her election in 2010, Higgins represents Greenbelt, where she resides, College Park, Berwyn Heights, New Carrollton, Riverdale Park, Edmonston and parts of Lanham. In her "day job" she is the director of the City of College Park's Youth, Family and Senior Services Department (similar to Greenbelt CARES) and is a

See **SCHOOL BOARD**, page 6

## Once Again There Will Be Fireworks on the Fourth

by Mary Moien

Fireworks for July 4 was discussed at the May 13 Greenbelt City Council meeting. The July 4, 2012, fireworks display had been larger than previous years in celebration of Greenbelt's 75th birthday. Following the holiday, however, several Greenbelt residents raised concerns about the negative impact of fireworks on the environment and public health.

Over the past year the Public Works staff investigated these concerns and looked at the option of having a laser show in place of fireworks.

As the topic was introduced for discussion, Councilmember Leta Mach said she was not

convinced the city needed to have a July 4 fireworks display. Mayor Judith Davis had other concerns. She said there had been complaints about the accompanying music. Some said it had been too loud; others felt it was too soft. Still others said they just did not like the music. As a consequence no music will be offered this year.

Davis also said she wants people to leave their dogs at home, even companion dogs. The pets become scared and agitated by all the noise, she said. Councilmember Konrad Herling mentioned that GreenACES had brought up

See **FIREWORKS**, page 8

## City's State Delegation Presents Md. General Assembly Wrap-up

by Kathleen Gallagher

At the May 13 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, the city's state delegation (District 22) gave its traditional legislative wrap-up for the 90-day regular session of the General Assembly, which adjourned on April 8. Councilmember Konrad Herling called it a "landmark session" in terms of the substance of the bills considered.

Herling also noted that significant bills, including marriage equality, adopted in last year's session, had been upheld by voters in a November referendum.

Mayor Judith Davis introduced State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington. She offered a particular thank-you for additional highway user revenue and police aid that will be coming to the city. Senator Pinsky promised they would not talk about all 50 bills dealt with in the session but would touch upon the highlights.

### Firearms Safety

Pinsky cited the gun safety

bill, which expands regulation of firearms and ammunition, as potentially having a significant effect over time in Prince George's County. The new law bans military-style assault weapons and reduces magazine clip capacity from 20 to 10 rounds. It institutes a new licensing system for handguns, mandatory reporting of lost or stolen firearms and a limitation of access to firearms by individuals with serious mental illness.

### Off-Shore Wind

The senator reported success after four years in passing the bill authorizing off-shore turbines about 11 miles off the coast of Ocean City as a step toward meeting the state's goals for renewable energy and reducing reliance on coal power plants.

### College Readiness

The first of two adopted education-related bills Pinsky discussed was one promoting college readiness and completion. It aims to reduce the need for non-

credit remedial college classes by requiring a fourth year of high school mathematics and an assessment of college readiness by the end of grade 11 to allow for remedial work in grade 12.

The bill would also allow for transfer of credits from a four-year college back to a community college for completion of an associate's degree. To address so-called "credit creep," it limits the credits required for graduation to 120 for a bachelor's degree and to 60 for an associate's degree.

### School Board Restructuring

Pinsky said the second education bill, which will not become law until June 1, has become controversial. County Executive Rushern Baker requested that legislation be introduced to change the powers of the school board vis-à-vis the county executive. Pinsky said many senators did not agree with the bill as introduced but were able to support an

See **LEGISLATION**, page 12

## GHI Members Elect Leaders, Support Smoke-free Option

Approximately 200 members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. gathered in the Community Center gym on May 16 for the GHI annual meeting, where they approved a recommendation allowing members in a building to apply for a smoke-free designation. They also heard speeches from candidates for the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee. Elections for Board and

Audit positions began at the close of the meeting and continued on May 17. Elections for members of the Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee occurred during the meeting.

There was no competition in the board election, with five candidates running for five open seats. Elected to two-year terms

See **GHI**, page 6

### What Goes On

#### Monday, May 27

City and GHI Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

#### Tuesday, May 28

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Meeting (GreenACES), Community Center

8 p.m., Council Meeting and Public Hearing on FY2014 Budget

#### Wednesday, May 29

2 p.m., Ethics Commission Meeting, Library of Municipal Building



# Letters to the Editor

## Hurrah!

Congratulations to our wonderful, 75-year-Old Greenbelt Theatre on winning one of the top prizes in the recent contest. I've been going there since 1939, when I gasped as Dorothy stepped into the beautiful Technicolor Land of Oz – and enjoy the movies there even more now, as a senior.

I came across this photo of the theater recently in my stuff. It seems like a snapshot of the customs and dress of small-town America of the 40s, with the townspeople all dressed up in hats and gloves, suits and ties, going to the movies – as much to enjoy the air conditioning as to see the show. The girls watching are dressed like we did at Greenbelt High, in skirts and blouses, loafers and bobby socks, sometimes a bandanna.



I looked up “The Sun Comes Up” on the computer and found that it was a 1949 “Lassie” movie starring Jeanette MacDonald (without Nelson Eddy) as a former opera singer mourning the death of her son. It was based on a story by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, author of “The Yearling.”

*Kathleen (Scott) McFarland*

## Kudos for Pharmacy Service at Co-op

I would like to give a shout out to the kind pharmacy staff at our Co-op Pharmacy. I was quite ill this past Saturday and called them to see if they could fill the prescription my doctor phoned in as soon as possible.

I also let them know my 10-year-old son, Noah, would be walking there to pick it up since I was too ill to go out. They promised to call as soon as they filled the prescription and tell me how much it would cost so Noah could bring enough money. When they called back, I could not answer the phone; Noah told them I was “being sick” so they gave him the information instead.

A few minutes later they called back and asked if I needed them to deliver the prescription. But since Noah was already on his way there, the pharmacist said, “When he gets here, I will have him call you so you can tell him it's OK for me to drive him home.” Ten minutes later my son and my medicine were back home.

We're new Greenbelters, having relocated here in September from a small rural town in west-

ern Massachusetts. This is just one of many random acts of kindness our family has been blessed to receive since arriving. We are so grateful to be a part of this amazing community.

*Joanie Cohen-Mitchell*

## THANKS

The Greenbelt Lions Club wants to thank the Greenbelt community for the generous donations received during our annual fall and spring White Cane Drive.

Greenbelt residents donated more than \$1,400 to the club. The funds are used to help provide vision screenings and eyeglasses to needy individuals in our community.

Since last August the Greenbelt Lions Club has aided 15 Greenbelters with vision and eyeglass assistance.

*Jordan Choper  
President  
Greenbelt Lions Club*

## Please Listen Up, Cat People

I understand it's inconvenient to keep your cats inside. I have two indoor cats who would prefer to be outside. Even if you don't respect the GHI rules about free-roaming cats, I am simply making a personal request that you keep your kitties inside during these critical weeks for the wild birds.

I have been watching a robin tend her nest in my oak tree for several weeks and was enjoying watching the fledglings teeter on

the branches the past few days. I had some trepidation, though, as we have no less than five cats wandering around our court day and night. I don't know who they belong to. Sure enough, this afternoon I found the body of one of the fledglings and I don't see the other one. Mama is perched on the fence post with a juicy green caterpillar in her mouth, looking up at her nest, then over at the branches, then down at the ground.

There's a cardinal nesting in my neighbor's rosebush. Can we please give those little guys a chance? Keep your felines inside for a few weeks. It won't kill them but they will kill the birds.

*Melanie Lynn Griffin*

## News Review Ad Rate Changes

Effective June 1, 2013, the News Review will increase its advertising rates. The basic rate for display advertising will change from \$8.95 to \$9.60 per column inch. Similar increases will be applied to all our volume-based discounts, as well.

Classified and subscription rates will remain unchanged.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF MAY 24

The Great Gatsby  
(PG-13)

FRIDAY  
\*4:45, 7:45

SATURDAY – MONDAY  
\*1:30, \*4:45, 7:45

TUESDAY – THURSDAY  
\*4:45, 7:45

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## Free Colorectal Checks at Hospital

Doctors Community Hospital and the Prince George's County Health Department are offering free colorectal screenings through June 30. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Maryland and the free screenings are available to Prince George's County residents with low incomes who are either 50 and older or with a family history of colorectal cancer.

Colonoscopies are performed by experienced gastroenterologists in the endoscopy suite at Doctors Community Hospital. Those interested must call the health department Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to get a referral to the hospital. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 301-883-3526 to speak with a nurse case manager.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



## GUTTER CLEANING

Gilbert General Contractors is in the process of spring gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week of May 27-31 will be in the approximate area of:  
**Southway and Eastway Road**

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.



# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 27 through 31 are:

Monday – All sites closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday – Apple juice, turkey burger, baked navy beans, spring vegetables, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday – Orange juice, margarita chicken breast, penne pasta, herbed green beans, fruit cocktail.

Thursday – Grape juice, beef barley soup, shrimp salad, tossed salad, heavenly fruit salad.

Friday – Orange juice, salmon burger with dill sauce, lima beans, glazed carrots, cinnamon applesauce.

## At the Library

The library will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

### Storytime Changes

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. The two programs have been combined due to low attendance in the former Wednesday programs. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years intersperses stories with fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies are welcome. The usual 20 person room limit applies.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at [www.pgcmis.info](http://www.pgcmis.info) for a number of library services, to review accounts or renew materials. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, May 24 and Monday, May 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day holiday. For emergency maintenance only call 301-474-6011.

Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Friday, June 7, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance only call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Museum Has Free Bike Ride, Picnic Sunday

On Sunday, May 26 at 11 a.m., Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and co-sponsors Maryland Milestones (an Anacostia Trails Heritage Association activity), Tea Pops and the Greenbelt Farmers Market will hold the first free Roosevelt Ride for bicyclists, accompanied by a picnic on the front lawn of the Greenbelt Community Center. Participants are encouraged to come in their vintage best for a leisurely cycle through town.

Riders will leave the front lawn of the Community Center soon after the 11 a.m. gathering time and loop back to the lawn for post-cycling eating and socializing. Free tours of the museum’s historic house will also take place just across the street beginning at 1 p.m.

Picnickers should bring their own food (alcohol not allowed) and can sample complementary lemonade or buy some Tea Pops or grab something from the adjoining Greenbelt Farmers Market. Non-cyclists are welcome to join in the picnicking.

## Free Workshop on Estate Planning

On Saturday, June 1 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. AXA Advisors’ Financial Consultant Lorie Scheibel will guide a free estate planning workshop in Room 201 at the Community Center, using the “The Family Love Letter,” a document to help organize important personal and financial information from wills and computer passwords to legal documents such as medical and general powers of attorney. Attendees will receive a planning booklet.

## Kids Clothing Swap Needs Volunteers

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will hold a “Kids Clothing & Such” Swap on Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Farmers Market behind Roosevelt Center. Volunteers are needed to sort and label donations and to staff the booth.

Clean, safe, gently used clothing (ages birth to adult), books, toys and such may be brought to the market until 1:30 p.m. Left-over items will be taken to thrift stores. Giving is not a prerequisite for receiving.

To volunteer sign up at the Mamas and Papas Facebook page.

More Community Events  
can be found throughout  
the paper.

## Concert Band Plays At Greenbelt Weekend

The next performance of the Greenbelt Concert Band will take place on Sunday, June 2 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym to help celebrate Greenbelt Day. June is Peace Month and the band will open the program with “The Heart of Greenbelt March.”

In 1976 Semour Levine wrote this prize-winning song and Frederick Morden wrote the march. Since then the Greenbelt Concert Band has played the march annually on Greenbelt Day. Conductor Tom Cherrix re-wrote the march for the city’s 75th celebration last year.

To commemorate Peace Month, the band will play “Let There Be Peace On Earth.” Also included will be “Fanfare for a Festival” by Frank Erickson; “An American in Paris” by George Gershwin; an Ellington Portrait, arranged by Floyd Werle (a collection of Duke Ellington favorites); and other pieces.

## CARES Counselors Spring into Season

Greenbelt CARES, an organization dedicated to providing an array of free social services and educational programs to benefit Greenbelt residents, has finished its first quarter for 2013. Programs under the CARES umbrella target young and old alike, including initiatives to provide undergraduate and graduate internships, incorporate volunteers into community programs concerning subjects that range from stream cleanups to eviction relief and extend resources and services to residents of Green Ridge House.

Additionally, CARES offers free individual, family and group counseling services and also employs Crisis Intervention Counselors (CICs), who were the focus of a recent quarterly report. From January to March 2013, CICs were involved with police-referred clients (six), non-police crisis calls originating with a CARES walk-in or phone call, and 89 non-police-referred clients. Overall, total CIC contacts for the quarter numbered 134, with 60 hours of crisis counseling and 133 in family counseling.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Memorial Day reminds us that summer is happening all around – summer is the time for family cookouts and picnics and sunny days. After all the dark times this year we look forward to happier times and good memories.

The Club had a large turnout for our birthday lunch on May 15 with guests and members and lots of good food. We were pleased to have three new members and we always welcome everyone at our meetings.

Cynthia and Tony Mead will talk to the club about birding in Maryland at the meeting on May 29.

“Not for Seniors Only” will be held on Saturday, June 1 and everyone is welcome to come learn about Organizing Your Important Papers, which will be presented by Lorie Scheibel.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Kitty Barnes.

This is the end of the school year. Here are some answers from students’ papers: filet mignon is an opera by Puccini; teetotalers are boys who carry golf clubs.

The Bus  
Seniors and Customers with  
Disabilities RIDE FREE

## CRAFT FAIR

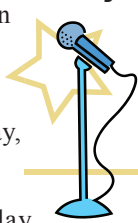
GLDFC is now accepting applications from craftsmen for the Craft Fair to take place during the Labor Day weekend.

For more information contact Donna Peterson at 301-452-2158 or [weourselves2@msn.com](mailto:weourselves2@msn.com) or go to [www.greenbeltlaboraday.com](http://www.greenbeltlaboraday.com), click “get involved,” then “craft fair” fill out an application.

## Open Microphone For Kids on Sunday

A Kids’ Open Microphone session will take the stage at the New Deal Café on Sunday, May 26 from noon to 1 p.m. Usually held later in the day on the third Sunday of the month, the shift is to accommodate conflicts in Café scheduling. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdnr@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdnr@yahoo.com).



## ACADEMY STADIUM THEATRE

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(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Tickets are now on sale for:  
Pre-Release showings of:  
“Now You See Me” on Thursday,  
5/30 at 7 and 9:35 p.m.  
“After Earth” on Thursday, 5/30  
at 9 and 10:05 p.m.  
Tickets are also on sale for  
Kevin Hart’s “Let Me Explain”  
opening 7/3

## WEEK OF MAY 24 FRIDAY – WEDNESDAY

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Epic in 2D, PG (!)

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Fast and Furious 6, PG-13 (!)

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7:25, 8, 9:40, 10:15

The Hangover 3, R (!)

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Star Trek: Into the Darkness in

3D, PG-13 (!)

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Peeples, PG-13 (!)

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Iron Man 3, PG-13 (!)

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### THURSDAY

After Earth, PG-13 (!)

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## Memorial Day Weekend Tennis Tournament

The Greenbelt Tennis Association will hold its first singles tournament of the 2013 season on Saturday May 25 through Monday, May 27. Danny Weaver is the tournament director. Come to watch or play!

The tournament is open to players of all ability levels. Categories of play are Womens, Mens, 16yo-, or 50yo+. Register at [greenbelt.com/tennis](http://greenbelt.com/tennis) by Friday. Entry fees are only \$5 per player for GTA members, \$10 for others. Membership is \$10 for Greenbelt residents and \$15 per person per year for non-Greenbelt residents.

Play begins at 8:00 am on Saturday at the Braden Field Tennis Courts. Finals are tentatively scheduled for Monday. Prizes go to winners and runner-ups. Check the website for the latest schedule of play. Come and enjoy the matches from the courtside stands.



## Greenbelt Arts Center STARTING THIS WEEK



May 24 – June 15

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm

Sunday Matinees (June 2 and 9) at 2:00pm

Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission \$14 Students/Seniors/Military

\$12 Children (under 12)

For information & reservations,  
call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

Take our GAC Patron Survey at  
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Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center:  
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Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelter Dolores McCloskey of Waldorf, Md., who died May 14, 2013, at the age of 88. The McCloskeys were original residents of the Lakewood community.

**Congratulations to:**

– Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) parent Marcela Recabarren, who graduated from the Prince George’s Schools’ first International Parent Leadership Consortium and will serve as a cohort to engage international families to strengthen diversity of leadership for a positive impact on achievement for all students. The training helped participants learn about the variety of resources in the school system, implementation of the English as a Second Language program, library system, responsible internet and social media use, college readiness programs, along with providing interaction with leaders in the school system and beyond and a chance to hone communication and leadership skills.

– The ERHS Junior Varsity Cheerleading Team, which competed successfully in the U.S. Finals Cheerleading and Dance National Competition in Virginia Beach, ranking first in JV Advanced competition.

– Rena Shylanski, the daughter of Larry and Rena Hull and a second-grade teacher at Rockledge Elementary School in Bowie, who was named one of 16 teachers of the year in Bowie. She was also named a lead TAG teacher and one of 10 outstanding educators in Prince George’s County.

– Jerome Dancis of Laurel Hill Road, whose letter on high school math exam failure rates appeared in the Washington Post on May 20. Dancis, an associate professor emeritus in math at the University of Maryland, has followed math issues for more than a decade because he feels students need more of the basics of math and fewer calculators in order not to fail at more advanced math including algebra and pre-calculus.

– Kamilah Wakil who graduated with high honors from Howard Community College with an AAS degree in Culinary Management and General Studies. Wakil was homeschooled for her entire life by her parents, News Review desktop publisher Lynn Eppard and Kenneth Young of Brookeville, Md. She sharpened her English skills proofreading at the News Review and also assisting with the layout of the Co-op Supermarket ad. Wakil received an academic scholarship to the University of Maryland College Park where she will further her studies in the fall.

Dr. Kenneth Silberman of NASA organized and led 18 Civil Air Patrol (CAP) aerospace education officers from Maryland, Virginia and Delaware on an educational and fun day at Goddard May 17. The participants teach various aerospace and space

disciplines to CAP cadets (ages 12 to 21) and adult members as well as teachers and the public. The group was certified to handle lunar soil samples during a lunar sample certification workshop; learned about the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) and lunar geology; toured the center including the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) clean room and the spacecraft testing facility; toured the LRO mission operations center; and participated in a seminar about Operation IceBridge which uses aircraft to study the effects of global warming on glaciers and ice sheets around the world.

Happy 85th birthday to former city councilmember Betty Maffay. A large number of family and friends offered best wishes at a big party at her daughter Julie’s home on Sunday, May 19. Betty enjoyed every minute of the celebration, which included live music by a four-piece band.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [news-review@verizon.net](mailto:news-review@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

# City Gardeners Start Group Online for Advice and News

by Susan Harris

Gardeners and gardener-wannabees of Greenbelt are invited to join plant-loving neighbors on the new Greenbelt Gardeners Yahoo group. This email group will be used to ask and receive advice, ask for or offer free plants, spread the word about garden events and useful links, offer rides to the Arboretum and more.

Local email groups for gardening have become popular across the U.S. as well as nearby towns. One nearby group – “Takoma Hort” – has been the go-to place for gardeners since 2001 and now has over 500 members. Its rules and unobtrusive moderation ensure members are supportive and respectful of each other. The Greenbelt’s group has been set up similarly and with effort taken to exclude spammers.

For those wondering, “Why not start a Greenbelt gardening club?” the answer is twofold. First, Beltsville has a very active club to which several Greenbelters belong; with no wish to compete or duplicate their efforts. And as the organizer, a former garden club president myself, I know how much work



it is to put on events, schedule speakers, collect dues and so on. An informal email group can do much of what clubs do and with much less fuss.

To join, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/greenbeltgardeners/> and click “Join this Group.” Then go to “Edit Membership” and select how you want to participate – one can choose to receive every email as they are delivered, one daily digest of emails or no emails at all. Those selecting the “no emails” option can keep up with the group by going to the home page to read and respond at their leisure.

Susan Harris is a master gardener and gardening coach.

# Mowatt to Offer Bible Study by Campfire


Starting the week of June 4 there will be a Tuesday evening campfire story and Bible study group meeting at 7 p.m. in the “green chapel,” the campfire in the woods behind Mowatt’s rear parking lot at 40 Ridge Road.

Rev. Faye Lundin will lead the group in a six-week series whose theme will be “God’s Story, Your Story.” Each week a different topic and accompanying Bible passage will be the subject of biblical stories and stories from participants own lives. The topic for the June 4 initial meeting will be the Shema love stories; the Bible passage is Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

People are welcome to come every week or selected weeks either by availability or interest in each week’s topic and passage.


It is expected that by the end of the study on July 9 those attending regularly will be able to share scripture stories by heart. Plans include a marshmallow roast or ’smores.

For more information, including each weekly topic and Bible verse, call the church at 301-474-9410 or visit the website at [www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org).



Man’s glory lieth in his knowledge, his upright conduct, his praiseworthy character, his wisdom, and not in his nationality or rank. (Baha’u’llah)

**Greenbelt Bahá’í Community**  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)



**Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH**  
101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301)474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 11:00am Worship Service

**Christianity and The Problem of Evil**  
Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm


**Vacation Bible School**  
July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30pm

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
“God’s People United in Hearing God’s Word”  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
“God’s People United in Obeying God’s Word”  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
“What is a Relationship with God Really Like?”

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**



**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

**Sunday at 10 a.m.**  
**Rev. Diane Teichert**  
See our website: [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**  
**Worship Service 10 a.m.**



**St. George’s Episcopal Church**  
Join us around a table where all are welcome!



**Services**  
• Sundays  
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
10 a.m. main service  
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays  
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)




**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

**Worship** : Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available)  
**Sunday School** : Sun 9:30 am - 10:30 am  
**Office Hours** : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
*“A hospitable, multicultural community of faith”*

  
**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
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**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

  
Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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**Mishkan Torah Congregation**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

*Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children’s service begins at 7:30 PM*

*Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM*  
*Children’s Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.*

*For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)*  
*Conservative and Reconstructionist*



### Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, May 23 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed in the evening by an open microphone session with the Songwriter’s Association of Washington from 7 to 9 p.m.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 24 John Guernsey playing classical and jazz piano then Fast Eddie & the Slowpokes follow with a blend of Chicago, swing and jump blues from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, May 25 Greg Meyers’ Community Jazz Jam session will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6 to 8 p.m., followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by a Cold Hard Cast tribute to Johnny Cash from 8 to 11 pm.

Sunday, May 26 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by the monthly kid’s open microphone session from noon to 1 p.m. Medium Gauge will play folk rock from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Next Week**

Tuesday, May 27 Steve Haug plays imaginative folk and covers from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, May 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. Michelle Murray and Buck Stone play a mix of Americana, bluegrass, country and swing. Thursday, May 30 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed by an open microphone session with Tom Gleason from 7 to 9 p.m. Pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 31, then the Hall Brothers Band will play a mix of rock, blues, country and swing from 8 to 11 p.m.

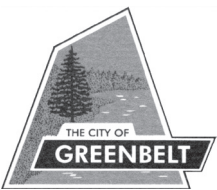
Saturday, June 1 starts with Bruce Kritt playing classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 7 p.m., then Long Time Coming headlines with vocal harmonies, mandolin styling and a solid rhythm section from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 2 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There will be a public reception for the Green Man Group Show Art Exhibit from 7 to 9 p.m. This year’s theme celebrates the 10th year since the Greenbelt Forest Preserve became a protected woodland; all are invited.

**Animation Screening To Be Shown June 2**

On Sunday, June 2 at 1 p.m. GAVA/GATE will screen its Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Animation project and other city-related animation by youth in the GAVA/GATE program. The showing in the Community Center, as part of the Greenbelt Museum’s celebration of Greenbelt Day, will also take place along with Artful Afternoon.

The 75th anniversary premiere in January featured the 16-minute group creation made by Nia Brown, John Commins, Tiahna Nugent, Eilean O’Brien and Gabe York under the director of instructor George Kochell. Over 25 people, youth and adults participated in making it. The youth animation program was initially funded by a Jim Cassells award through the Co-op Supermarket.

Also shown will be Green Concrete, created by a summer animation class in 2003. It is a public service film about the threat of invasive ivy and was commissioned by Greenbelt Homes.



# City Information

### GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING & Public Hearing on FY2014 Budget Tuesday, May 28, 2013 – 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentations
- Memorial Day Poppy Presentation
  - Peace Month Proclamation
  - Click It or Ticket Month Proclamation
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

**Public Hearing**

- FY 2014 Budget - Please see Official Notice of Public Hearing on page 12 for details.

- Minutes of Council Meetings
- \* - Work Session, March 7, 2013
  - \* - Work Session, May 1, 2013
  - Statement for the Record – Executive Session, May 20, 2013
  - \*- Work Session, May 20, 2013

- Administrative Reports
- Council Reports
- Committee Reports
- Arts Advisory Board, Report #2013-1 (Contribution and Recognition Groups)
  - Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #201301 (White Pine by Municipal Building)

**LEGISLATION**

- An Ordinance to Amend Article 3 “Public Parks, Playgrounds, Etc., Generally” of Chapter 12 “Parks and Recreation” of the Greenbelt City Code to Allow the Sale and Sampling of Wine at the Greenbelt Farmers Market between May 1st and December 24th of Each Year
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Farmers Market Signage
- Petition from John Abell – Policy of Reporting Crime and Special Procedures Regarding Child Pornography
- Advisory Planning Board, Report #2013-1 (Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project)
- National Fish and Wildlife Service – Stormwater Grant
- County Legislation – CB-20-2013
- Participation in Maryland Smart Energy Communities Grant Program
- Other Reports
- \* - Reappointment to Advisory Groups

**MEETINGS**

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee

**For information call 301-474-8000.**

### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27-31

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:20pm, **INTERVIEWS FOR ADVISORY GROUPS** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Green ACES)** at the Community Center

Tuesday, May 28 at 8:00pm **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/2ND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY2014 BUDGET** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Wednesday, May 29 at 2pm, **ETHICS COMMISSION** in the Library of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 29 at 8:00pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, re: personnel issue.

***This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.***

### Attention!!

### Roosevelt Center Bus Stop Improvements

A WMATA contractor will be undertaking the long awaited improvements to the Roosevelt bus stops located on Crescent Road in the vicinity of Gardenway starting on or about May 31, 2013. Construction is anticipated to take approximately 30 days to complete and will consist of new sidewalk, ADA accessible bus stops/shelters and crosswalks. During construction the two stops will need to be temporarily relocated, and signs will be posted at the stops to direct transit users to the temporary stops. In order to accommodate construction and a temporary bus stop on Gardenway on-street parking along Gardenway between Crescent Road and 2 Court will temporarily be unavailable. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience. If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to contact Terri Hruby, Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 474-0569.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 27th  
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday  
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday  
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday  
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, May 31st.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a Closed Session of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Library of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a Personnel Matter.

Cindy Murray CMC  
City Clerk



### SUMMER CAMPS WITH GREENBELT

There are still openings in these fun and exciting summer day camps:  
**KINDERCAMP, CREATIVE KIDS CAMP, CAMP PINE TREE AND YOUTH ON THE GO (Camp YOGO)**

**Download the Camp Brochure at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-397-2200 for more information.**

### HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?

**550-A Crescent Road** (behind Police Station)  
Give us a call 301-474-6124



Come out and visit all of the available pets! The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. See all our pets on Facebook! Jaag is a sweet girl currently available at our Petsmart adoption center. She loves to play and is a great cuddler.



## SCHOOL BOARD continued from page 1

licensed clinical social worker.

Higgins opened by saying her concerns with H.B. 1107 are with both process and content: the process by which it was considered and adopted, as well as the significance of the changes in governance which she also described in her letter to the editor in the May 16 issue of this paper. The process was fast with little time for public response. The first hearing on the bill being held at 3:15 p.m. on Good Friday, 10 days before the end of the legislative session, with the second hearing, senate vote and house vote occurring within the next eight days.

The legislation was introduced at the request of County Executive Rushern Baker. The rationale for this “emergency” action has been explained in terms of 1) a lack of confidence on the part of Baker and state officials in the school board’s ability and experience to hire a first-rate superintendent, given the frequent turnover in the superintendent position; 2) lackluster qualifications of the candidate pool the board had selected; or 3) both. Subsequent to the adoption of the bill, Interim Superintendent Alvin Crawley resigned and two other candidates withdrew.

**Voter Involvement**

According to Higgins, a big impact of the changes to be made would be reduced control by the voters and accountability to the public. She used the search process for a new superintendent as illustrative of this shift. This year the board used a search firm to develop a profile and identify candidates. The board then directly involved the public – including organizations, students, unions and other elected officials – at the stages of profile development, interviews and selection. The county executive had been invited to become involved in the process but he declined. After reducing the candidates under consideration to three, the board was about to make a decision. Higgins said their goal from the beginning was to have a highly inclusive process that could bring the community together and they received a big response from the public with ideas on what was needed.

In comparison, Higgins said that under the new law there will be a search committee appointed by the state: two members by the governor and one by the state superintendent. Only the search committee’s three nominees can be considered for appointment. The public is excluded from the process. The county executive will select the superintendent (to be called a chief executive officer or CEO). The county school board will appoint the CEO and the board chair will negotiate the contract.

**Board Changes**

In addition to the nine elected district representatives, four new members will be appointed (three by the county executive, one by the county council) with specific areas of expertise. The chair and vice chair of the board will be appointed by the county executive, with the stipulation that the vice chair must be an elected member. The county executive will also appoint elected board vacancies, which are currently filled by special election by the voters. The expanded board can overrule the CEO only with a two-thirds majority vote. The CEO is empowered to make deci-

sions for the school system with no requirement for public input. The law specifically provides the CEO with authority to close schools.

The key problem, according to Higgins, is that elected representatives were responsible for making decisions but under the new structure elected representatives will have much less authority outside the realm of personnel. With authority shifting to the county executive and CEO, she said, beneficial checks and balances would also be lessened.

**“No Data, No Plan”**

Although school boards come in different flavors nationally – some elected, some appointed, some hybrid – Higgins says that the proposed operational structure exists nowhere else and is unproven.

“No data have been provided to say this structure would be better,” she said. In addition, she said, no plan has been offered that would show why this change would improve education or have any impact on academic success. Higgins commented that some people have said, “It’s a compromise; we should live with it.” She said she might be able to live with the flawed process if she were convinced the changes would benefit children. “But I don’t see it,” she said. “And they have no plan.”

**School Improvement**

Durant spoke about the academic improvement that has occurred in the county schools, which she says has contributed to Maryland’s achieving top ranking nationally in education for the last five years. The data indicate a 17.3 percent increase over the last seven years in the percentage of children in grades 3-8 who tested proficient or advanced in reading and math as compares with 16.3 percent for the state overall, 11.4 percent for Montgomery County and 7.1 percent for Howard County. Overall, passing rates on the Maryland School Assessment have increased 24 percent in reading and 28 percent in math since 2004. Durant said there is unquestionably still a long way to go but the improvements are real in both testing and curriculum. Describing the curriculum as broad rather than deep, she said they are also looking at revising it to align with the Common Core State Standards (National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, Council of Chief State School Officers).

Kenneth Haines, union president for the Prince George’s County Educators Association, commented that it is important to look at what has been done as well as what has not. He said that although it is true that the Prince George’s system is second to last in the state, it is at the top of the schools nationally that are demographically comparable.

**Audience Response**

Two predominant concerns were revealed in questions from the audience. One was that the takeover legislation was preoccupying everyone to the detriment of getting the schools their budgets and otherwise tending to regular business. Durant assured everyone that the staff is focused and tending to business. Higgins agreed, adding that the disruption had already occurred and that she believed it did not have to happen as it had.

### Short History: The Prince George’s County School Board

Scheduled to become law on June 1, H.B. 1107 would implement the fourth school board restructuring in the last 12 years. With the leadership of then-Delegate Rushern Baker, the state legislature dissolved the elected school board in its 2002 session, called by critics as largely dysfunctional, replacing it with a board appointed jointly by the governor and the county executive.

In 2006, under public pressure, an elected board was reinstated. Initially, it had four at-large and five district members. In the 2006 primary election, voters had to consider a dizzying array of more than 40 candidates in order to select the 18 who would run for the nine seats in the general election, with both the at-large and the district members being elected countywide.

Following its most recent rebirth in 2010, the board has nine district members elected locally and no at-large members. To allow for staggered four year terms, five of the members were elected to initial two-year terms and the others to four-year terms, with the result that only four board members have had to stand for reelection by the voters in the districts as currently defined. In part, Peggy Higgins became a candidate as a result of that restructuring, since the city’s prior board member resided in an area of the new Laurel district.

Under the new law, four appointed representatives would be added to the existing nine elected district positions for a total of 13. (A student representative who does not vote on personnel matters is also a member). The new law specifies that a two-thirds majority vote is required for the school board to overrule a decision of the new CEO.

The other concern was that if there is a referendum, the process will be extended for hiring a superintendent and leave the schools in uncertainty that much longer. Higgins initially thought there might be a delay but after working the calendar said there would not be. If the new structure does not become law on June 1, the old structure will continue in place and there will be no instability. Since a superintendent can be appointed to begin only on July 1, she said, there will have to be an acting superintendent for next year either way, with a new search to begin immediately and hiring targeted for July 2014. She noted that the contract is always for four years.

Higgins concluded by saying that regardless of what happens, the school board is “absolutely committed” to working cooperatively with the county executive.

## GHI continued from page 1



PHOTO BY GRETCHEN SCHOCK

The annual GHI meeting on May 16 drew around 200 people to the Community Center Gym. After the meeting many filled out and cast their ballots in GHI’s annual elections.

on the board were Patricia Novinski (119 votes), Aaron Marcavich (118), Steve Skolnick (117), Bill Jones (108) and Chuck Hess (107). Marcavich and Skolnick are new to the board; the others are incumbents. The five will join other GHI board members Sue Ready, Frank DeBernardo, Ed James and Diana McFadden. Elected to one-year terms on the Audit Committee were Debbie Cooley (119 votes), Ben Fischler (118 votes) and Jonathan Gordy (117 votes). The Audit Committee monitors the overall operations of GHI and is directly responsible to the membership.

For the Nominations and Elections Committee, GHI members elected Carol Griffith, Henry Haslinger, Mara Hemminger, Theresa Henderson and Kandis Wyatt to serve one-year terms.

**New Features**

GHI President Sue Ready opened the meeting after a quorum was established. The meeting started 11 minutes late – at 7:41 p.m. – because the Community Center clock was slow. Ready expressed appreciation to two GHI leaders who had served GHI in elected positions for a number of years and who chose not to run this year: David Morse, with seven years on the Board of Directors and Dianne Wilkerson, who served nine years on the Audit Committee. Wilkerson was not present at the meeting.

The 2013 annual meeting had some new features that attracted member interest: a slide show of members shown at the opening of the meeting and lively and sometimes humorous short reports by members of some GHI committees. Pictures of candidates and committee members who spoke also were projected. Buildings Committee Chair Jim Cohen gave a brief update on the planned community-wide upgrade and answered questions from several members. The native-plant giveaway as always was a popular item, as were the door prizes.

**Smoke-Free Buildings**

The resolution before the membership at the annual meeting pertained to an issue raised at last year’s meeting by members who petitioned GHI “to develop and implement a policy that would allow members of an entire row of units to revise their mutual ownership contracts

to indicate that smoking inside these units is not allowed.” The 2012 motion was amended to require unanimous agreement among residents of the building and was postponed until this year’s meeting for a membership vote.

A Special Committee on Smoke-free Buildings developed a recommendation that went to the membership at the May 16 meeting. The recommendation proposed that GHI have available as an addendum to the MOC a smoke-free restriction stated as follows:

Member agrees not to smoke tobacco inside the unit, including any enclosed additions.

Member agrees not to allow any other person to smoke tobacco inside the unit, including any enclosed additions.

Member and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. agree that any person to whom the Member’s equity in the Perpetual Use of this unit is sold must have this smoke-free restriction addendum to the Mutual Ownership Contract (MOC) in order to be approved by the Board of Directors as a member.

The committee also recommended that GHI distribute an explanatory handout to all members on Smoke-free Buildings, and that the membership approval be requested at the 2013 meeting.

In the end the vote was surprisingly uncontroversial, with only one member strongly opposed on the basis of potential negative impact on a member’s ability to sell a unit. Several people spoke in support of this measure and the resolution was approved with a vote of 98 in support and 32 opposed.

**Door Prizes**

Three members won the \$100 gift certificates toward the GHI co-op fee – Ann Bauman, Ed James and Mary Ernsberger.

Four members won the \$25 gift certificates to Co-op Supermarket – Maryann Baker, Frank DeBernardo, Gretchen Schock and Mara Hemminger.

Five members won the \$20 gift certificates to the New Deal Café – Marat Moore, Tom Jones, Jim Cohen, Robert Berry and Chris Cherry.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. – relatively early for a GHI annual meeting – which also was appreciated by many in the audience.



# New Deal Café Exhibit Fetes Forest Preserve

by Jean Newcombe

This year’s annual Green Man art show at the New Deal Café celebrates the 10-year anniversary of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. The exhibit, “Celebrating Forests,” now on display at the Café will continue through July 1.

An artists’ reception for the exhibit will be held at the Café on Sunday, June 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Music will be provided by the Homestead Act, with Allison and John Bolten and Amy and Jamie Potter. All are invited.

Since the Green Man Festival began nine years ago, artists have connected their imaginations to the sights and sounds of the natural world. Surrounded by majestic green forests and simpler green spaces found at the edge of the built world where the Green Man lives, it is easy to uncover images that inspire.

This year is special . . . . It celebrates the 10th year that the Greenbelt Forest Preserve became a protected woodland in Greenbelt. The preserve has many interesting, historic visuals to commemorate itself as a living monument to past, present and future and affirming the Preserve and Greenbelt “Keep it Wild and



PHOTO BY KRISTIN FLETCHER

“Interplay” is a photo by Kristin Fletcher shows snow covered branches in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve on exhibit at the New Deal Café.

Wooded” legacy. It is the meaning of the Green Man who comes back year after year to remind us of the importance of the forest in the celebration and hope that asks people to get involved, plant trees and grow the tree canopy.

The annual New Deal Café art show tied to the Green Man festivities showed how Mother Earth has inspired visual arts. This year’s show includes photography by B. Rich, Rodney Roberts, Dan Kennedy, Michael Smallwood, Mark Christal, Kristin Fletcher, James L. Soulé, Lauren Scott and paintings by Dan Kennedy, Christine Wilkin, Barbara Stevens and others. All are welcome to stop in to see earth-friendly art, learn for history and celebrate Greenbelt’s green heritage.

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backpack filled with swag. Mechanical assistance at the Greenbelt stop was provided by Arrow Bike Shop of Hyattsville.

Councilmembers also announced next Saturday’s “Rivers to Rockets” ride, which is sponsored by the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area and this Sunday’s “Roosevelt Ride” and picnic on May 26 hosted by the Greenbelt Museum.

“The number of Greenbelters participating in Bike to Work Day grows each year,” said Jordan. “It is a privilege for me to be able to show my support. I really appreciate Jeff and Laurie for making sure that less experienced riders had a safe journey.”

One convoy group took an express route past Lake Artemesia, down the Anacostia Tributary Trails to the Hyattsville pitstop at Magruder Park. After picking up more riders, the convoy set off through Mount Rainier and Brentwood, then through residential streets of Brookland in D.C. and down the new Metropolitan Branch trail. The group rode through the Capitol Hill bike lanes on 4th Street, NE and East Capitol Street, wound through the Capitol grounds and finished on the Pennsylvania Avenue center median cycletrack at Freedom Plaza.

Another convoy group took the local route, heading from Greenbelt to downtown College Park for the pitstop in front of City Hall, then back through the College Park Metro to the

Anacostia trail system. Mechanics from College Park Bicycles and Proteus made minor repairs and handed out maps at the College Park gathering. On the way to D.C., the local convoy was cheered on by a family of geese trying to cross River Road and a small herd of deer alongside the NE Branch trail in Riverdale Park.

# Bonsai Azaleas At Arboretum

Saturday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. National Arboretum is the annual exhibit of Satsuki bonsai azaleas. This free exhibit runs through June 2. These azaleas are miniature in form but covered with multicolored, full-sized flowers. Many of the museum’s azalea bonsai were started from cuttings collected in Japan in the last century. Visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) for details.



## 8th Annual Rivers to Rockets Bike Rally

Explore the Tributary Trail System and the history, culture, and nature of the surrounding communities with Maryland Milestones & Proteus Bikes!

May 25  
10am - 2pm  
Duvall Field, 9200 Rhode Island Avenue,  
College Park, MD

Register online at:  
[www.marylandmilestones.org/bike-rally](http://www.marylandmilestones.org/bike-rally)

And don't miss the first ever  
“Roosevelt Ride - A Vintage Picnic and Bicycle Tour”  
May 26, 11am - 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Burglary

May 10, 9:51 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Currency and collectable toys were taken.

### Trespassing

May 11, 10:32 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. An 18-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 14, 4:48 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 23-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. She was released on citation pending trial.

### Automotive Crime

Thefts from autos occurred in the following locations: 9100 block Springhill Court (jewelry and clothing), 6400 block Ivy Lane (tool kit and phone charger), 6100 block Breezewood Drive (car turn signal assembly), 9100 block Springhill Lane (purse).

## Stepped Up Seat Belt Enforcement

On May 20 the state of Maryland joined law enforcement agencies to mobilize a Click It or Ticket "Border to Border" operation. Law enforcement agencies sharing state borders, including the Greenbelt police, teamed up to provide increased seat belt enforcement at border sites, sending a "zero tolerance" message to the public. The idea is to assure that driving or riding unbuckled will result in a ticket, regardless of the state.

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.*

## Botanic Garden in Free Concert

Rose and the Nightingale Quartet will give a public concert to celebrate "The Spirit of the Garden" on Saturday, June 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the U.S. Botanic Garden. Inspired by botanical gardens from all over (the world), the lyrical, energetic music features three-part vocal harmonies, violin, cello, keyboard, trumpet and percussion, with a distinctive mix of jazz, folk, world music and original songwriting.

All the lyrics in "The Spirit of the Garden" are from poems by living American poets from across the United States, exploring the ability to connect and feel a part of something greater through open and aware engagement with the natural world. Limited seating will be available; no pre-registration is required.



## FIREWORKS

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these concerns and that the city should take them very seriously.

### Laser Show Possibility

Director of Public Works Ken Hall said staff had explored the option of offering a laser show this year. However, a local company that provides laser shows felt the budget constraints and location issues at the lake would not allow for a laser show that would meet residents' expectations.

A number of reports had been submitted since last year including data from the Environmental Protection Agency indicating that more data is needed to determine if negative environmental or public health issues are possible from such a laser show.

Because time is now short to order fireworks, council held both a first and second reading authorizing purchase of fireworks from ACE Pyro, LLC, at a cost of \$12,000. Although this cost is \$2,000 more than had been budgeted, Hall indicated that ACE Pyro will provide all manpower for setting up and shooting off the fireworks, a considerable savings from city overtime payment for employees. The fireworks will be fired electronically, a process both safer and quieter than the explosive process of the past.

## Last Day of School Is Friday, June 7

The Prince George's County Public Schools system has announced the adjusted 2012-13 School Calendar and states that the final day of this school year for students will be Friday, June 7. Friday will be a half day.

Schools were closed on March 6, which was taken from one of the inclement make-up days built into the calendar. The Md. Department of Education granted a waiver for the Hurricane Sandy closing on October 30, meaning that day did not have to be made up. Additional school closings for inclement weather or other emergencies may require other changes to the calendar.

## Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of May 19

National League		American League	
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National League		American League	
Cardinals	10-0	Tigers	7-5
Cubs	9-1	Athletics	4-5
Giants	7-3	Orioles	2-8
Nationals	1-8	Indians	2-11

Major League Schedule May 27 through June 2

Date	Time	Games
Monday, May 27	6 p.m.	Memorial Day, no game.
Tuesday, May 28	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Nationals
Wed., May 29	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Indians
Thursday, May 30	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Tigers
Friday, May 31	6 p.m.	Nationals vs. Indians
*Friday, May 31	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Athletics
Saturday, June 1	10 a.m.	Giants vs. Cubs
Saturday, June 1	1 p.m.	Orioles vs. Athletics
Sunday, June 2	1 p.m.	All-Star Game

Most games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.  
\*Game played at Braden #2.

## Wildflower Walk At Patuxent Sat.

On Saturday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to noon, walkers of all ages can search for wildflowers on the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge. Learn why springtime blooms are so important in the refuge ecosystem. Participants should dress for the weather. Field guides are recommended. Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

## Puppet Show: On The Wild Side

On Saturday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. follow the journey of a little hamster to see if he's a wild or domestic animal in this 20-minute puppet show. All ages are welcome and no registration is necessary. Special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For more information visit [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197.

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# Daniel Warner Selected Craig Memorial Scholar

by Doug Mangum

At the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Senior Awards Ceremony on May 15 the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) announced that Daniel J. Warner was selected this year’s award winner, the 27th annual recipient.

Warner, a Greenbelt resident, was greeted by his two younger siblings and both parents after receiving a check for \$2,500 (the first of four payments) and a DCMSF t-shirt displaying the funds logo and Raider Roast graphics.

Warner, a back-up quarterback for the Raiders this past season, talked beamingly about his experience as a late-game field general. Mostly assigned with the task of ball control to protect late-game leads, Warner excelled and received the coach’s award for the varsity football team due to hard work and motivating spirit. The feat is all the more impressive given the nature of high school sports, since Warner had no previous organized football experience.

Warner also enjoys skateboarding and ultimate frisbee. He has a brown belt in karate and assists in instructing those with lower level belts and enjoys both competitive and recreational sports. As a student he participated in the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. He was enrolled in the distinguished Science and Technology programs and continued to make honor roll every quarter during his high school career. He also received an honorable mention at this year’s science fair.

His career goals to study mechanical engineering will begin locally at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County in Catonsville.

### Religion, Charity

For four years Warner was a member of the Truth, Love and Character club (TLC), serving as president. The TLC club is dedicated to providing an outlet for Christians to discuss their faith with others and learn from guest speakers. His faith is a huge part of who he is. Being a pastor’s kid can be challenging yet he embraces this challenge head-on, thinking locally and acting globally. Warner traveled to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, one week a year during four of the last five summers and will go again July 11 to 17. He not only takes time to be a spiritual presence on the trips but he raised funds to cover his expenses for the trip to the town orphanage in Puerto Cabezas, which is still suffering from the 2007 Hurricane Felix. An old-fashioned lemonade stand which he set up with his brothers and sister, raised \$600 in just one week. His summer trips allowed



Daniel Warner

Warner to use the Spanish he has learned at ERHS and he has developed the compassion he shows now as a volunteer with nonprofit organization Lovalution and food distribution centers in Washington, D.C. and New Carrollton.

Warner also traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C. in his freshman year to help families in serious need of home maintenance by fixing leaking roofs and building a ramp for one handicapped home owner.

Warner steadily builds personal relationships as a missionary, as a brother, as a son, as a classmate and as a teammate. He befriended me. After receiving the scholarship award we walked off the stage together and chatted during the intermission only to return and sit together to enjoy the rest of the evening’s proceedings with his fellow graduates. Warner is well-mannered, well-rounded and open to conversations on various

topics. He is definitely a good communicator, a skill he honed as a Raider quarterback. What I most learned about him while conversing and during the review of his application was his self-awareness. In his application he said, “My heart is geared toward helping others. I am diligent and hardworking; I expect nothing but the best from myself and I want to help others excel as well.” His statement about uniqueness is a reminder of our responsibility and potential for service to others.

A comment from Warner’s application and a letter of recommendation said, “His experiences in Nicaragua will no doubt direct his future service as well as the manner in which he endeavors to live and serve here at home. The weight of poverty and need in the area that this orphanage serves is far beyond what many of Daniel’s peers and even those much older, could even imagine. And I know that seeing this need and being a part of teams that bring relief, resources and hope will have a lifelong impact on Daniel.”

Warner’s ministerial outreach also includes organizing an Operation Christmas Child program at ERHS for the past two winters. It entails filling shoe boxes with toys and small necessities, like toothbrushes, for impoverished children all over the world. Over 100 boxes were assembled, donated and distributed throughout the world. He performs numerous duties at his family-led church, which meets for worship at the Greenbelt Hilton Garden

Inn each Sunday. One of his tasks is to set up equipment for the praise band.

All in all, he is an awesome young man with a heart of love for self and others and he is surrounded by a loving and supportive family who was as excited about his accomplishments and the award as he was. He surrounds himself with a positive, encouraging circle of strength and humility not unlike his huddled offensive unit on the Raiders’ football field.

Warner will continue the trend of recipients staying in Maryland at UMBC, as he joins Erin Donn, Raahela Ahmed and Katelyn Fosta (all attend UM as current DCMSF scholarship winners).

### DCMSF Fundraiser

A meet and greet with this year’s newest winner and fundraiser nights will be held at the original Ledo’s Restaurant Monday, June 3 through Thursday, June 6 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (dine in or carry out). All are welcome to come congratulate Warner and his family.

### Donors Sought

Those who would like to help with financial aid to future DCMSF selectees can send tax deductible gifts/donations made to the DCMSF and sent to PO Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768. Details of the scholarship and of DCMS fundraising efforts are available at [www.davidcraigmsf.blogspot.com](http://www.davidcraigmsf.blogspot.com), by linking to the ERHS website or call 301-474-7874.

Douglas A. Mangum is president of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund.

## City Notes

Animal Control staff reports a duck and seven ducklings were removed from Greenway Shopping Center and relocated to the pond on Hanover Parkway; a hawk was transported to a habitation center; one dog was adopted; and a successful rabies clinic was held on May 11.

Planning staff met with the city’s engineering firm to work out plans for future Greenbelt Dam repairs.

Public Works staff reports four new recycling containers were installed in Roosevelt Center.

Horticulture/Parks/Playgrounds crews responded to three separate tree emergencies after hours due to high winds, removed hazardous trees at the playground on Breezewood Drive and one on Crescent Road across from St. Hugh’s Church.

Recreation staff reports Mom’s Morning Out children were very excited to witness butterflies hatching from cocoons last week. They have seen the process from the beginning, starting with caterpillars spinning into cocoons.

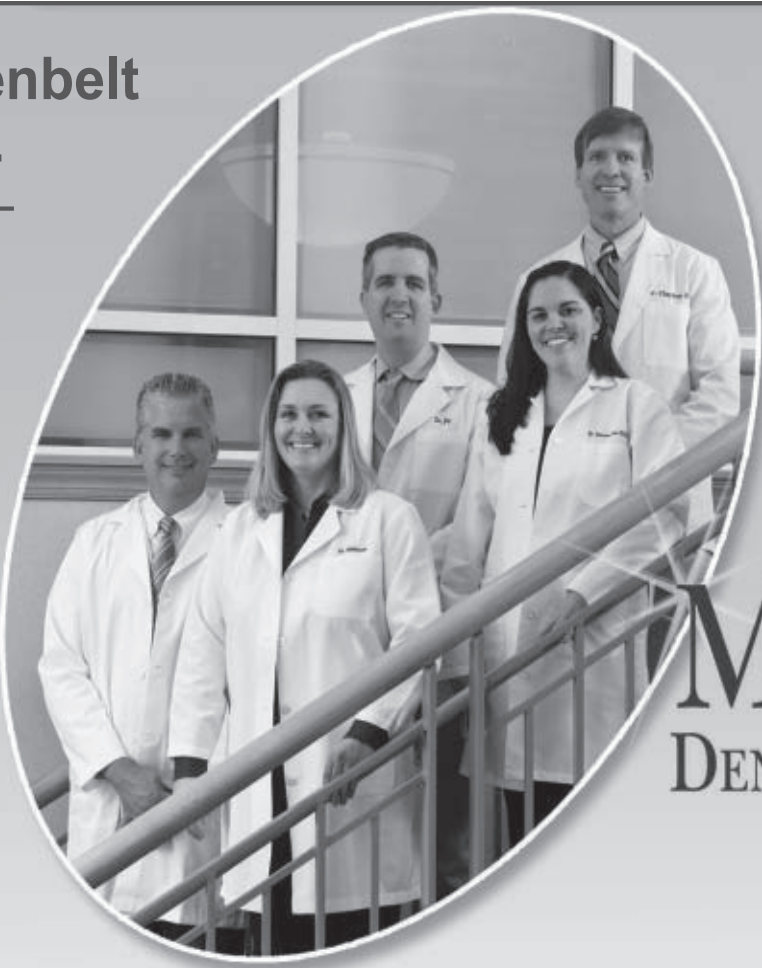
The Bike to Work Day Greenbelt pitstop had a total of 70 bikers visit in participating in the ride, a 60 percent increase from 2012.

## MVA Is Closed For the Holiday

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will close its full-service and express offices on Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations will also be closed.

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eventual compromise version.

That the bill was introduced so late and quickly in the session had initiated public controversy. Pinsky said the reason for the timing was that the county executive and others had decided they must step in to stop the board from selecting a superintendent who would then have a four-year contract.

Pinsky said the school board would retain “almost all” of its powers, except that the county executive would select the superintendent and appoint three of four new appointed board members, the other to be appointed by the county council.

The governor has signed the bill and Pinsky said he would like to leave the past behind and find a dynamic superintendent who can move the system forward. Pinsky advised voters not to sign the petition circulating to hold a referendum on the bill. He said it is time to give the county executive the extra power he has requested and for the school board to continue doing its job.

Healey said delegation members are all speaking for themselves on the legislation to restructure the school board and that she, too, would not support a referendum that would extend the period to resolve the situation. She said it is time to move on.

**Death Penalty Repeal**

Healey said it was a remark-

able session in terms of how many big issues had been addressed. One was repeal of the death penalty, which she had been proud to co-sponsor, since she believes it is not possible to have a fair and just application of the death penalty. She discouraged support for a petition to take that legislation to referendum.

Healey also commented on the new law, to take effect in October, that makes using wireless communication devices while driving a primary offense. This change means that police officers will no longer have to stop a vehicle for another reason before citing a driver for using a cell phone.

**Intermodal Site**

Gaines, from her position on the House Budget Committee, noted a number of areas where “budget language” rather than legislation could be used to get things done. She said the Beltsville site Greenbelt had opposed as a location for a CSX rail intermodal facility was no longer on the table and that it would be located in Baltimore.

Other areas where Gaines has focused include protecting funding for the Youth Services Bureaus including Greenbelt CARES and designating several sites in Prince George’s County where Metro senior discount fare cards can be purchased. She added that the

transportation bill adopted during the session will benefit the Purple Line, as well as provide additional bus service to other parts of the county.

**New Delegate**

Washington introduced himself as the newest member of the District 22 team, having been appointed to the House of Delegates by the governor following the mid-term resignation of Justin Ross. Washington is serving on the House Ways and Means Committee.

He noted adoption of the Special Education Task Force bill, on which he had worked to address the excessive work load of special education teachers. He also commented on legislation to enhance tax increment financing (TIFs) and other financing options available to jurisdictions with Sustainable Communities designation.

**School Board Issue**

With the delegation’s presentations completed, Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that since the legislation to restructure the School Board had been presented, it might be appropriate to ask School Board Representative Peggy Higgins if she wished to comment.

Higgins said she has a different perspective on the bill than Pinsky and Healey. She said the petition to referendum is important because the bill had been

introduced and passed so quickly there had been no opportunity for public comment or input from the voters. She believes the shift in authorities from the board to county executive will significantly change the governance of the school system.

In addition, Higgins said, the superintendent who would be selected by the county executive would also be making decisions currently made by the elected school board.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING for

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2013-2014	
REVENUES	
Taxes .....	\$19,173,400
Licenses & Permits.....	1,437,800
Revenue from Other Agencies .....	1,086,600
Service Charges for Current Services .....	2,113,700
Fines & Forfeitures .....	698,000
Miscellaneous Revenues.....	199,100
Interfund Transfers .....	0
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TOTAL REVENUES .....	\$24,708,600
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Appropriation of Fund Balance .....	\$200,000
EXPENDITURES	
General Government .....	\$2,624,800
Planning and Community Development .....	851,300
Public Safety.....	10,080,400
Public Works.....	2,917,200
Social Services .....	865,500
Recreation and Parks .....	4,969,100
Miscellaneous.....	211,600
Non-Departmental .....	1,399,500
Fund Transfers .....	950,000
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....	\$24,869,400
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS	
Building Capital Reserve Fund .....	\$435,000
Cemetery Fund.....	0
Debt Service Fund.....	317,700
Replacement Fund .....	129,400
Special Projects Fund.....	140,000
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TOTAL OTHER FUNDS .....	\$1,022,100

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	
Capital Projects Fund .....	\$1,174,800
2001 Bond Fund.....	800,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund .....	180,000
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund .....	0
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TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS .....	\$2,154,800
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ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
Green Ridge House.....	\$1,424,500

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or e-mail the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Cindy Murray CMC  
City Clerk

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